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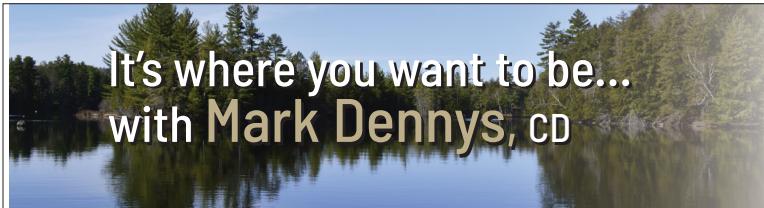
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Highland Wood evacuation leaves family with questions

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Staff Reporter

Gord Schmidt is clear about where his frustration lies.

It's not with the front line staff or the physicians who are involved in the care of his 88-year-old father, a resident at Highland Wood who was relocated alongside 27 other residents following the discovery of significant leaks in the facility's roof two weeks ago. Instead, he wants to know how the situation was able to happen, and said it shouldn't happen again to any facility.

"In the end, you know, they've got Dad in a safe place," said Schmidt. "That part

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COSSA silver

The Red Hawks senior volleyball team had reason to smile after earning a COSSA silver on Wednesday, Feb. 20 in Haliburton. Pictured from left at front, captain Natayla Gimon, Ruthie Parker, Freya Moran, Alexius Mills, Alyssa Bogardis and Emma Casey. From left at back, team co-coach Janice Scheffee, Nicole Cox, Ania Smolen, Samantha Steffensen, Dakota MacDonald, Arden Harrop, Jordyn Nicholls and co-coach Dan Gimon. /DARREN LUM Staff

Water charity volunteers reflect on life-changing international work

JENN WATT

Editor

Rebeka Borgdorff remembers vividly the moment clean water came surging up from beneath the ground in a village in Guatemala.

The Haliburton teacher had travelled to the Central American country with Water

Ambassadors Canada, then known as Living Water International, in 2006 to drill a well for the community. It was the first time she'd been to a developing country, and was spending some of her time doing programming with the kids in a one-room schoolhouse.

The school was built with cinder blocks, she said, with no furniture inside. The teacher came from a nearby city and would bring her own book to teach from.

There were no school supplies.

It had been a couple of days since the drilling started and the team hadn't yet hit water.

Just as activities were wrapping up for the day, Borgdorff remembers hearing a loud pulsing noise coming from outside.

"They had struck water and it literally just burst out of the ground like a big fountain before you cap it and put the pump on," she said. "The kids just went

bolting, screaming, running straight for the water and literally were dancing in this fountain of water, crying, so thankful. And knowing they could play in it and taste it and have their mouths wide open, you know it was safe and that it wasn't something that was going to hurt them, was really a beautiful sight to see."

She said she was struck by the disparity

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Roof had been assessed by experts: HHHS

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is good. I guess my concern is that it's too bad it happened in the first place."

The situation at the long-term care facility in Haliburton was first noted in a press release on Feb. 6 from Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Carolyn Plummer, who said leaks in the roof would result in some residents moving to other parts of the building and to neighbouring long-term care facilities. Later that same day, outside experts conducted a detailed inspection of the roof and determined a full evacuation would need to occur. The next day in a press release, Plummer said leaks were extensive, occurring in multiple areas and were a result of melting ice and snow that had built up on the roof, which was scheduled to be replaced this spring.

"Unfortunately, the extreme fluctuations in temperatures and weather conditions over the late fall and into the winter, led to an excessive build up of ice on the roof and then a sudden melt which led to the steps taken ... to safely evacuate and relocate residents to other facilities," announces a recorded voice on the HHHS hotline established as a result of the situation. Residents have been moved to locations within the northeast part of the Central East LHIN, according to Plummer, and some family members have said residents were relocated to care homes in Lindsay and Orillia.

HHHS has arranged to have counselling services available to family members of Highland Wood residents to help provide support during the evacuation. Additionally, HHHS is offering free transportation for family members of residents to their temporary place of residence, with pick-up and drop-off at Highland Wood. A meeting for family members of residents on Feb. 20 was arranged to offer a chance for family to ask questions. Schmidt said he couldn't attend that meeting but had been following updates using the hotline, and had been in conversation with the LHIN.

Schmidt moved to the area to support his parents, who have cottaged here since the early '60s and retired into a house they built in the '90s. After a diagnosis of dementia, his dad, a former construction manager in Toronto, spent a year at the hospital while on the wait list for long term care placement, and moved in to Highland Wood last September.

"Thank God he finally got in, [and it] was one of the local homes, which is what I wanted," said Schmidt. "Now he's exactly where I didn't want him, which is way out of the county."

Representatives from Highland Wood called right away to say that Schmidt's dad's room was one of the initial rooms where a leak had occurred and that he would have to be relocated within the building. They then called to say that the extent of the leaks was resulting in residents being evacuated.

On moving day, Schmidt's father, who is a high fall risk patient, fell according to a phone call from staff received by Schmidt. When his dad got to Hyland Crest in Minden, Schmidt said he was called due to another fall in which there was potential for his dad to have fractured his hip. In the transfer to the care home in Lindsay, Schmidt's dad fell again, requiring nine stitches.

Schmidt said he was initially angry, and worried that his dad would require use of a wheelchair due to the falls, but has since calmed down knowing that his dad has not had further incidents since his move to Lindsay. Still, he said the situation could have been worse.

"He had the falls [and] he didn't fracture his hip," said Schmidt. "But let's just say he had've, all this would have come about because this roof was allowed to let go. And then, it forced all the residents to move out. My thinking is, preventative maintenance. It's like a car – we can't drive cars forever without eventually getting a new set of tires or taking it into the mechanic to get a tune-up."

With a background in construction, he said that flat roofs have a known life expectancy, and he's surprised a roof leak of this magnitude could have been allowed to happen.

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We had both our hospital and long-term care home physical facilities, including the roofs, assessed by experts.

— Haliburton Highlands Health Services press release

"I guess what I'm a little peeved about is somewhere, at the top of the corporate ladder, somewhere, somebody made the decision to postpone fixing this roof before it got to this point," he said. "...I understand, if you're running a company whether it's a nursing home or any company, there's always a bottom line to worry about, but you know, whether it's a house or a building, if the roof doesn't function the rest of the building is at risk, right? To me, that should have been a priority. I really wish it hadn't happened. It's great that they're binding together now and the community has their support and I love that part, I think it's great, but again, whoever made that decision is quietly sitting back. I haven't heard that this board or this person made this decision."

Schmidt said families were being assured that Highland Wood residents would have relocation priority back to the long-term care facility when the roof repairs are completed.

"In 2017, as part of our capital program, we had both our hospital and long-term care home physical facilities, including the roofs, assessed by experts," reads a press release from HHHS issued on Feb. 11. "This assessment recommended a planning process to proactively replace the roofs within a 2018 – 2021 time frame. In May, HHHS issued a public tender to replace both Hyland Crest and Highland Wood roofs and the tender was awarded in July, 2018. Based on the assessment Hyland Crest was scheduled first, and that work was completed in September, 2018. Weather conditions prevented us from moving forward to replace the Highland Wood roof following the work at Hyland Crest and the work was then rescheduled for spring 2019."

According to the HHHS hotline, now that residents are safely relocated, the team's "priority is now turning to addressing the current roof conditions to support the return of residents as soon as possible ... Our team is now actively working on removing the recurring ice build-up to support further inspections. We will then take the appropriate steps to ensure the situation is effectively addressed, confirming a timeline for repairing the roof and reopening Highland Wood."

"This should have never happened, and it's just, either somebody didn't know or somebody made a bad decision, but it doesn't make it right," said Schmidt. "This has to be learned from. This shouldn't happen again."

He said he received a quick response from local MPP Laurie Scott's office when he called, and that in the future he'd like political representatives to push hard to encourage future inspections on a timely basis.

Now, Schmidt and his 91-year-old mother will have to travel to Lindsay at a time when Schmidt said he was hoping the weather was warming up and local visits could increase instead. He is hoping the roof can be repaired quickly, and that residents are relocated back to their Highland Wood home in the four to six months that was suggested to him.

A summary of the topics covered at the Feb. 20 meeting was to be posted on the HHHS website but as of press time on Feb. 25, had not yet been updated. A Highland Wood information hotline can be reached at 705-457-1392, extension 2400. Updates can also be found at hhhs.ca/news-announcements/highland-wood-updates.

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Senators send Duchene to Columbus

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton's Matt Duchene is embarking on a new chapter, playing for the Columbus Blue Jackets.

As reported by NHL.com, he was traded to the Columbus Blue Jackets by the Ottawa Senators on Friday for a pair of prospects and first-round draft picks, a 2019 and a 2020 being conditional upon him signing with them after he becomes an unrestricted free agent on July 1.

Later that day, he squared off against his former team at the Canadian Tire Centre playing for the visitors, the Blue Jackets. It was odd to Duchene, yet familiar.

"I've been through it before, playing against my old team the first game [last season with Ottawa against the Colorado Avalanche]," he said during a media scrum wearing Blue Jackets clothing before his game. "It's weird to be in the same building, I mean, to drive to the rink, have the same routine and it's a road game is strange for sure."

He expressed mixed emotions about the trade, which occurred before Monday's NHL trade deadline.

"I'm excited though, obviously. I really treasured my time in Ottawa. It's definitely a bittersweet thing. I was committed from the start of wanting to be here and be in Ottawa. Obviously, things change and you've got to make the right decision for your future. I'm excited to be a part of this team. This is a really good team and hopefully I can fit in well here," he said.

Duchene said this was a "hockey decision for me."

Sportsnet reports Duchene was open to remaining in Ottawa.

Sportsnet also reports he was offered a fair eight-year contract extension, but wasn't prepared to sign with Ottawa because of the challenges and uncertainties related to their plans to rebuild the team.

"It was a huge thing to commit to eight years, somewhere where there's still a lot of question marks," Duchene said. "The picture may be a little clearer in the summer."

This season NHL.com said Duchene tallied 58 points (27 goals and 31 assists) in 50 games for Ottawa. He was acquired by the Senators from the Avalanche as part of a three-team trade that included the Nashville Predators on Nov. 5, 2017. Last season, following the trade, Duchene finished with 49 points (23 goals and 26 assists) in 68 games with the Senators.

So far the trade has worked out for the Blue Jackets and Duchene, who scored a goal and added an assist in a 4-0 win in his home debut against San Jose.

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Doyle chosen as NDP candidate

Barbara Doyle was selected as the NDP candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for the federal election this fall. Doyle was elected by the members of the local NDP riding association on Saturday, Feb. 23. "We must focus on the health, stability and well-being of 100 per cent of Canadians, not growing the wealth of the top one per cent," Doyle is quoted as saying in a press release. /Photo submitted

Haliburton 'ground zero' for Water Ambassadors

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of access to clean water between Canada and other parts of the world.

"It's just such a simple given factor of life that I just couldn't fathom that people were dying from diarrhea. How does that happen?" she said.

Diarrhea is a common cause of death in children when they drink contaminated water. Water Ambassadors says water-borne diseases kill 6,000 children a day, and that more children have died from diarrhea diseases in the last 10 years than all people killed in armed conflict since the Second World War.

Borgdorff connected with Water Ambassadors through its founders, Barry Hart and Heather Alloway, retired teachers.

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, Hart and Alloway were at the Community Room in Haliburton for a Water Ambassadors Reunion, giving volunteers and supporters a chance to catch up with one another, reminisce about the organization's 17-year history, and get ready to do it all again.

"Kinson Leung, the new executive director of Water Ambassadors, calls Haliburton ground zero for this charity. It really is," Hart told the group assembled. "It started here and it's still strong here."

The organization describes itself as being a faith-based, non-profit Canadian charity focused on providing water around the world. Teams drill wells, but also do repairs, teach hygiene and install purification systems.

Technology has changed over time with improvements to equipment allowing teams to be nimble when they respond to disaster situations.

Particularly impressive is the portable chlorination unit, which is small enough to be picked up and moved around by one person.

"Obviously we cannot take compressed gas chlorine on an airplane, but you can take salt. If you remember chemistry in Grade 12, if you electrolyze salt, you get chlorine and sodium. It works. That will kill critters," Hart said. The units can efficiently purify water and be taken from one area to the next quickly.

Hart said they were used in Haiti following an earthquake by a team that included Haliburton's David Ogilvie. "These chlorinators worked because you could set up tanks of water and take the chlorinator from tank to tank to tank and do thousands of litres of water for drinking water," Hart said.

He personally attested to the effectiveness of the equipment.

"We're the first ones to drink it [after purification]," he said. "We've taken water out of cow ponds where the cows are mooing and pooping, we scoop the water up, we pour it in that, we chlorinate it and we're the first ones to drink it. And I'm still here. It does work. We put these chlorinators in all over the place. They just work terrific."

In the nearly 17 years since founding the organization, 300,000 have received water around the world, Hart told the group.

Teams of volunteers travel several times a year to villages mostly in Central America and the Caribbean to do the work of providing clean water, whether that be drilling wells or installing water filtration systems. Each volunteer has to raise their own money to cover expenses: about \$3,200 each.

General donations to the organization can be designated for equipment purchase or to support a team. This year, two teams have already been on location in Honduras and Colombia with trips scheduled for Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala.

Hart encouraged those assembled on Tuesday to come together and sponsor a



Team "Misfits" answer trivia questions during the Water Ambassadors reunion in Haliburton on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Water Ambassadors supporters, team members, donors and their family members came together to chat, share stories and plan for future trips to bring clean water to communities in developing countries. /JENN WATT Staff

Below right, these children are from a poor community near Matagalpa, Nicaragua, where the Water Ambassadors team installed a hand pump last year. Barry Hart says that previously, during the dry season, people had to dig through rocks in the riverbed to find water. A woman fell into the hole and it caved in on her. "She stormed into town and insisted that enough was enough and demanded that a well be drilled for her community. She would donate the land. A well was drilled, Water Ambassadors installed a new Afridev hand pump. Guess who got to pump the water first!" Hart said. /Photo submitted by Barry Hart

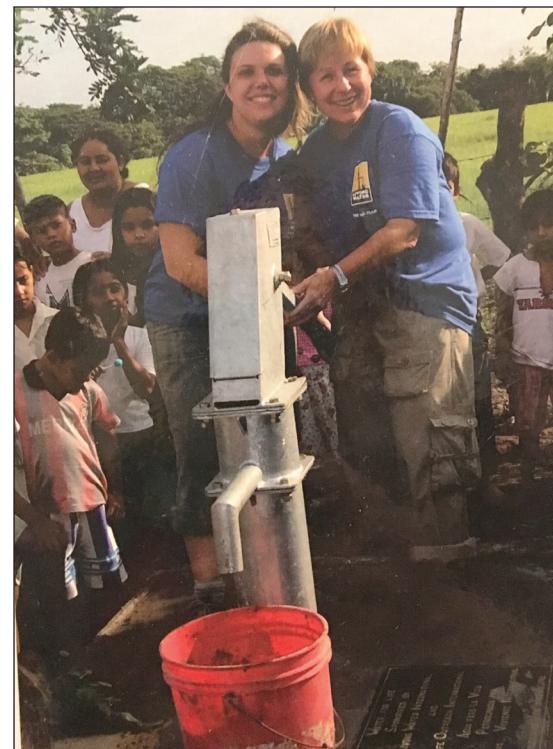


Photo on left: Rebeka Borgdorff, left, and Heather Alloway stand at a hand pump in Guatemala during a 2006 Water Ambassadors trip. /Photo submitted by Rebeka Borgdorff

village. He said if 10 of them pledged \$20 a month, they would have enough money to do it.

Although Water Ambassadors is a Christian charity – the reunion included a prayer, the logo features a cross and the promotional materials quote passages from the Bible – Hart said volunteers are welcome from any background.

"If you're not a Christian person, believer at all, that's OK because we let everybody go on the teams and we let everybody in the country drink the water. ... Everybody's welcome on a team. We respect all people, beliefs and everything else," he said.

Borgdorff was also motivated by her Christian faith.

"Just knowing that it's the most practical way to show your love to someone is to give them their basic need, never mind trying to preach a message to them, you have to show them first. For me, it was a way that I knew I could do that without strings attached just to say I'm here to show you I care about you," she said.

That caring came back to her exponentially through the connections she made and in the kind treatment she received. She noted that due to poverty, the people in the village ate very little and would save their chickens to eat for special occasions. But when the Water Ambassadors team was there, they had chicken on their plates every day.

"I didn't need that, I didn't deserve

that, but you feel so humbled at the levels that they would go to to show their thanks," she said.

Although she doesn't have a background in the trades, Borgdorff said thanks to the training, teamwork and inclusive environment of Water Ambassadors, she was "able to take part in all aspects of the project."

Borgdorff hasn't been able to do

another trip yet, but hopes that one day soon her whole family will get to go together.

She said she frequently tells her students about the experience and encourages them to travel when they can to see how other people live, and to give of themselves.

"It will change you," she said.

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Still work to do in meeting accessibility standards

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Staff Reporter

When Anna Froebe, an independent HR consultant who works with business owners in this community, is asked how many businesses are likely not compliant with the rules and deadlines they must follow to meet provincial accessibility standards under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, she doesn't hesitate to offer a guess.

"Ninety-nine per cent," she estimates. "Or even more. Ninety-nine point nine. It's one thing being aware of the act, there's another thing having the policies in place, the training, and then the other aspect is now acting on that."

According to Access Ontario, the AODA became law in June 2005, and aims to identify, remove, and prevent barriers for people with disabilities. It applies to all levels of government, non-profits and private sector businesses in Ontario that have one or more employees, regardless of whether they be working full-time, part-time, seasonally or on contract.

Although many businesses and organizations are aware they need to be compliant with the accessibility standards by 2025, Froebe said many don't realize the deadlines for compliance began years ago, in 2010, depending on the size and scope of the business.

She carries with her what she calls her AODA "bible," documents which outline what public sector organizations – municipalities, education and library – or businesses and non-profits must do to meet the standards, depending on whether they have one to 19 employees, 20 to 49 employees or upwards of 50 employees. This includes creating accessibility policies, training staff on Ontario's accessibility laws, making public information including emergency and public safety information accessible when asked, making websites accessible and filing accessibility compliance reports. The deadlines for changes leading up to 2025 occur almost annually.

"They have to have had this done," she said of some points listed in her documents. "They don't even have until 2025."

And besides missed deadlines causing organizations and businesses to be inaccessible for employees or customers, the financial penalties for not being AODA-compliant can be steep.

"The penalty is that an auditor could come out ... and assess your business based on a complaint," she said. "In Toronto, auditors I think do more random checks, but I think a community like this it would be more so because



someone has filed a complaint."

Froebe has read of corporations and organizations, or directors and officers of a corporation or organization, receiving an auditor's order to meet accessibility standards with a deadline of 10 days, or two weeks or a month, with failure to become compliant in that time resulting in fines of \$50,000 per day, \$100,000 per day, or even jail time. Froebe notes this is case law and won't always be the result of an auditor's assessment, but that it's important to at least have a plan in place.

"Part of the act also stipulates that you should be doing this, or have a plan in place, so to have a policy in place that you're working on it," she said.

Improved accessibility through the removal of barriers in five key areas of life – customer service, information and communication, employment, transportation and design of public spaces – is expected.

The customer service standard states that organizations must provide customer service that allows people with disabilities to access goods, services, information, and facilities, with trained staff and an option for a support person at all times.

The public transportation standard notes specialized

Anne Froebe, seen here in a file photo, is an independent human resources consultant and owner of HR Access. She said few organizations have the accessibility policies in place that are mandated by the provincial government.

"It's one thing to be aware of the (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act), there's another thing having the policies in place, the training, and then the other aspect is now acting on that," she said.

/SUE TIFFIN Staff

transit services should be available at the same time as other public transit, rates must be the same as for people without disabilities, vehicle registration and driver identification must appear in an accessible format and guide dogs or service animals must be allowed to ride alongside a user.

In the employment standard, candidates for jobs must be able to access application forms in a variety of formats, of their choice, and have accommodations for interviews, tests, and during the period of employment.

The Ontario Building Code covers most requirements for making new buildings accessible, and Ontario's Design of Public Spaces Standards detail accessibility requirements for service counters, waiting areas with fixed seating and outdoor spaces, such as sidewalks and parking lots while municipalities and businesses must consult with the public prior to building or rebuilding outdoor public spaces like recreational trails, new or redeveloped outdoor public eating areas, playgrounds and outdoor play spaces, service counters, and parking lots.

The AODA standards are part of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation, which require that businesses and organizations provide training to staff and volunteers, develop an accessibility policy, create a multi-year accessibility plan and update it every five years, and consider accessibility in procurement and when designing or purchasing self-service kiosks.

Making changes and understanding policy doesn't have to be overwhelming, according to Froebe. She said she has worked with local business owners to determine what their priorities are and what their policies and procedures already look like, so she can assess if something is missing or outdated based on new legislation in order to help businesses meet AODA requirements and be fully accessible.

"There's different steps: understanding this, working with me – or whomever – to start putting in policies that are specific to their business and their business size, having the staff training and then implementing the changes that need to be made, even little ones," said Froebe. "Like, how much does it take to put on the bottom of your website, a small disclaimer, if you need this website information in a different format."

Froebe said she has noticed employment ads in the newspaper that don't make note of different formats of the advertisement available, and how potential candidates might access information about the job offered.

"You need to do this ... every time, any catalogues you produce, any brochures, any flyers, any pamphlets, your websites – you need to say somewhere, even if it's at the very back in small letters, on the ads you produce, you have to put, if you want this in a different format, please contact [us]," she said.

In many cases, Froebe has said business owners might understand the basics of accessibility but don't have all the other parts, including updated training of new employees.

Froebe said that almost two million people with disabilities live in Ontario.

"That's huge in terms of customer base, or lost customer base, or lost employee base," she said. "[It could be] \$536 billion in income that's lost from people who have disabilities. That's huge. This could be huge for a town like this ... there's potential there for employment, business productivity, business profit, if [people] look at some of these issues."

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Make Dreams Come True returns for fifth year

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Staff Reporter

Finding that perfect little red dress or slick, dashing suit is a definite challenge for young people living in the Highlands. Rather than travel out of the county, incurring great cost and time, area students can find formal attire for no cost with the community initiative Make Dreams Come True.

For the fifth year, students from Grade 8 to 12 intending to go to their prom or graduation will be able to choose from a selection of close to 450 dresses and from more than a few dozen suits, as well as

shoes, ties, purses and jewelry.

Held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 9 at Castle Antiques' attic in Haliburton, the event has grown from a single day, largely volunteer driven to gaining the support of local businesses and drawing people from outside the county through word of mouth, social media and the news media.

The drivers behind it have been co-founders Jenn Abbott and Nancy Lowes.

The event just keeps growing, as it has helped students with enhancing their formal experiences at dances and other social events during the year. Abbott said she continues to do this for the joy it brings the young participants and being able to

give back to the community. She appreciates how this continues as the result of a concerted community effort.

"It's a community that is coming together being able to help our local grad and prom students. Without the donations, we wouldn't be able to do it," she said.

In addition to the free clothing, there will also be on-site tailoring and there will be gift bags and items such as nail polish available for free. Local businesses in Haliburton and Minden helped with donations while stores such as the Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton, Rexall in Haliburton, Pharmasave Minden and the Highland Pharmacy Remedy Rx

in Minden have donated make-up and related products.

New this year for participants are photo sessions with photographers.

Participants, who agree to wear their ensembles from Make Dreams Come True in the photo, are eligible to a free session that will be scheduled with Chantel Smith (Chantel Smith Photography) in Minden or Leeann Patricia (Leeann Patricia Photography) in Haliburton.

Anyone interested in donating articles of clothing or related items can arrange it with Jenn Abbott at 705-286-0906 or take articles to Castle Antiques in Haliburton.

Google Play card scam costs victim \$8,000

An area resident lost more than \$8,000 after being scammed by someone pretending to be from the CIBC bank fraud division.

Haliburton Highlands OPP is warning the public to be aware of the fraud, which involved convincing the victim to purchase Google Play cards.

On Thursday, Feb. 14, the scammer made a call to the victim pretending to work for the bank.

"The victim was told that bank accounts had been compromised and was then requested to help with the capture of suspects. The victim was manipulated into providing access to a personal computer

and into providing banking information. This allowed the scammers to access personal accounts, and freely move money within the accounts," a press release from the OPP states.

"The victim was told money had been deposited into their bank account and was then asked to withdraw money equivalent to the deposit and purchase the equivalent value in Google Play cards."

This complicated scenario was intended to trick the victim into believing they were helping to catch scammers, rather than being scammed.

It turned out that the money the victim believed was deposited into their account,

was actually just moved out of one of their additional accounts, which means the money spent on Google Play cards was not deposited by the bank's fraud division, but was actually the victim's own money.

Const. Tim Negus said the Haliburton Highlands OPP has had four instances of victims purchasing Google Play cards.

Regarding general fraud calls to police: "There have been 73 reported frauds since January 2018 to date. Approximately 60 were actual fraud related," he said.

The \$8,000 was the highest amount lost on Google Play cards he had seen locally.

Police remind the public not to provide banking information to anyone claiming

to work for the bank; if they call, they will already have your information. Be suspicious if a caller asks for personal information.

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The real win

RECENTLY at a meeting held locally in which an engineer was describing the accessibility features in a new building, he said the elevator linking two floors was "a win." Soon after that, at another public meeting, it was noted that planning on the part of organizers would be "meeting the minimum accessibility requirements."

Accessibility is actually a human right. Meeting accessibility standards in construction can be costly, so when a facility or a public space or a store is accessible, it's true that that can feel like a win, but it should simply feel as normal as it does for most people that doors are installed on a building. We should be wanting to ensure our public spaces are open to everyone, to the best – not the minimum – of our abilities.

Last year, after an announcement by the federal government of new accessibility legislation, the Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, said:

"Every person has the right equal with others to make for themselves the life they envision. But right now in Canada, we know that not everyone is free to do so without barriers. Across Canada, across jurisdictions, the majority of discrimination complaints brought to human rights commissions are from persons with disabilities. Close to half of those complaints are about a lack of accessibility. These barriers exist in many forms, in many places. They're in our policies, workplaces, in our buildings and public spaces, in our public and private transportation, in our media and our broadcasting, in our banks, in our schools, even in our attitudes – the very way people with disabilities are treated when seeking services or information. Accessibility is

a human right that must be vigilantly protected. Accessibility legislation must work to remove barriers for all, including women, Indigenous persons, racialized persons, older persons, and 2SLGBTQI folks with disabilities."

Currently, one in seven people in Ontario has a disability and by 2036, that number is expected to rise to one in five as people age. Right now, people with disabilities represent two million people in our province. They eat, they work, they get outdoors, they create, they compete in sports, they go to school, they have families, and despite the sometimes debilitating

cost of mobility or medical equipment and services, they spend money. People with disabilities – visible or not – contribute to our community.

As Anna Froebe of HR Access tells us, province-wide AODA deadlines are passing each year leading up to 2025. Let's make sure our policies are up to date and our employees are trained. Let's

talk to user groups. What is the need, and what is the want, in what we are offering in our town? Where are we lacking in our facilities, our public spaces, our businesses, our services and our experiences? How can we go above and beyond, as we do in this county in so many other ways and areas, to make sure people – whether they be our employees, our customers, our residents, our tourists or our family and friends – can live, work and play in society – in our town – without barriers?

Let's stop speaking about accessibility as if it's a burden for whatever reason, and start approaching it knowing that when we are inclusive, our entire community thrives and is better for it. That's the win.



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tiffin*

Editorial

Travellers

HEADS BENT against the elements, they forged on over the snow, some quickly while others took a more leisurely approach. Their destination loomed ahead and despite the weather or maybe because of it, they knew it was worth their efforts.

"Here come the turkeys," announced Paul as he gazed out at the winter landscape that was their backyard. He and Amy were just finishing their morning coffee. They sat at the kitchen table enjoying the warm glow that comes from feeling settled and having all their needs looked after.

Every morning a line of wild turkeys crossed through their yard to take up position under the neighbour's bird feeders. Seeds and peanuts lay scattered about, remnants the messy blue jays, chickadees and nuthatches flipped onto the snow in their haste to eat. The squirrels would come later and the deer but the turkeys always got there first.

Paul admired their rotund, gleaming bodies with the beautifully patterned wings folded like smooth armour. The cold did not seem to bother these determined birds. Paul had seen them out and about on the frostiest days, their jerky gait always purposeful, never aimless. Amy wondered aloud where they spent their nights and Paul said he thought he had read somewhere that in fact they slept in trees but he didn't know if that was true.

Today was Paul and Amy's last day before heading south. Although they loved winter's beauty and outdoor activities, they looked forward to a break from the icy driving conditions and cold temperatures. A week on the beach with no more cares than having to choose between swimming or sunbathing was something they both looked forward to all year. Money was set aside every month and they didn't mind scrimping in order to make their yearly trips happen.

The eight o'clock news had just finished on the kitchen radio, in sharp contrast to the serene countryside outside their window. Unlike the wild turkeys' daily trek through the landscape, people in other parts of the world were fleeing war, starvation and death. These folks, mostly families

Down



*sharon
lynch*

Our road

with small children, were literally running for their lives. And the lucky ones would end up in dehumanizing refugee camps, often languishing there for years before hopefully moving on to some semblance of a normal life.

Between sips of coffee, Paul contemplated the whole idea of travel and travellers, of moving from place to place. For some, travel meant vacations in sunny comfort. For others, it meant survival. And for still others it was simply part of their everyday lives. He knew the Indigenous people had passed through this area as they travelled to more settled communities.

On the way they paddled, fished and hunted a countryside rich in what nature provided.

But now in other parts of the world, masses of people made their ways across deserts, rock-strewn mountains, and risk-infested jungles. At the same time, plump and satisfied tourists were happy for a break from snow and routine. The contrast was striking. Paul couldn't help but feel somehow guilty that they lived so well compared to millions of other human beings. But he felt helpless to do anything about it.

"Oh look," Amy said, setting down bowls of porridge topped with fruit and maple syrup, "the deer have arrived." A group of 10 does and young ones had joined the turkeys, their thick winter coats catching snow like icing sugar on a pound cake. They moved around the feeders, heads down. Meanwhile the turkeys took little notice, scratching the ground for hidden goodies as they worked around the deer legs. "They don't seem to mind each other," she noted. Paul thought that was because there was enough for all of them. He wondered if it would be different if there were more turkeys and deer and they all had to scramble for what was there.

After breakfast they took in their daily walk over the village's hilly streets. Despite the now sunny day they rambled cautiously. Sometimes ice lay hidden beneath the snow making it hard to know where danger lurked. A fall today could spoil their holiday plans. And that would be a shame.

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points of view

Seniors discount revisited

THE OTHER DAY a friend of mine who is 55 texted me to let me know that he was offered a senior's discount on ice cream, while stopping at a diner in the town of Grimsby.

This is why a road trip to Grimsby is now high on my bucket list.

You see, my friend is two years younger than me and does not have half of the grey hairs I possess, so I should be a shoe-in for that discount too.

True, my friend had a couple of other factors in his favour. First, he was travelling with a 19-year-old co-worker – which due to proximity alone adds ten years to the appearance of guys our age. Second, he ordered a vanilla ice cream, the universal ice cream of the elderly.

Vanilla, after all, was the only flavour around when they were kids.

Nevertheless, I figured if I wore a cardigan and complained about the "so-called music" these days, I might be able to get the same discount on Moose Tracks or chocolate.

It turned out, however, my buddy wasn't bragging about his good fortune, like most normal middle-aged men would. Instead, he seemed a little upset by the whole thing.

"Why are you upset?" I asked.
"They offered me a 15 per cent senior's discount," he replied.
"Can you believe it?"

"Yes, I can," I said. "You didn't turn it down, did you?"

"That's beside the point," he snapped. "I'm 55. The young woman at the counter thought I

was a senior. Do you know how that makes me feel?"

"Stupid, for not ordering lunch too?" I speculated.

It suddenly occurred to me that my buddy – who is the thriftiest man I know – was not seeing the big picture. So I decided to set him straight and make him feel better.

"You saved 45 cents!" I said. "That means if you visit that place and order the same thing once a week, like folks your age typically do, you will save \$23.40 annually, or to put it in a way people of your generation better understand, 2,340 coppers."

"Really?" he said. "That's your response?"

"Absolutely, old fella," I replied.

What he said next was uncharacteristic and probably due to the fact that he was getting edgy because the conversation was cutting into his nap time.

"Look," I said. "I don't know what you are upset about. For 15 per cent off, I'd saunter into the place leaning on a cane and chugging Geritol. That's the kind of discount people line up for on Boxing Day."

He finally admitted to me that he was torn. On one hand, he was insulted that she overestimated his age. On the other hand, it was 15 per cent.

"Thank goodness I don't live near Grimsby," I said. "Old Steve would be a regular at that diner."

"Really?" he asked.

"Sure," I said. "Pride goeth before a discount. Also, don't you remember what you thought when you were young?"

"You mean that anyone over 40 was ancient?" he answered.

"I was thinking more about how you thought the Model T was the cat's pajamas ..."

He promptly told me in no uncertain terms what he thought of me. And then he hung up quickly, presumably to ready himself for nap time.



Loon Tales

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galea



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past is from the 1970s and shows one of the snowmobile events on Head Lake in Haliburton. Sledding enthusiasts will be interested to check out these older models. /Echo archives, photo credit: Dal Hubbert

letters to the editor

Polar Plunge a success

To the Editor,

Just wanted to let the community know that the recent Haliburton Lions Polar Bear Plunge was a huge success raising over \$7,700 for the two hospitals. Our Haliburton Hospital was pledged \$4,359 and The Hospital for Sick Children was pledged \$3,415. Approximately 50 "plungers" and the enthusiastic crowd had a lot of fun while benefitting these worthy causes. The total raised in the seven years of the event is now \$56,088 to the hospitals. A sincere thank you to the brave plungers who have collected the funds! We couldn't have an event like this without help. Dysart and Stanhope Fire Departments cleared the area and provided a safe environment along with EMS being on hand. Haliburton Timber Mart overcame heavy snow to provide the warming/changing sheds, RPM provided a secure area for the registration staff and Sunbelt Rentals provided power for the

heaters and lights with their generator. As usual our community businesses came through with prizes – Thanks to Sir Sams Ski Area, Maple Avenue Restaurant, Walkers Home Hardware, Haliburton Just Wine and Beer and McKeeks Blue Line. Professional MC and sound system work was provided by Mike Jaycock and Ron Murphy of CanoeFM. Curry Motors and Emmerson Lumber provided "bragging T-shirts" for all the participants. Haliburton's A.J. LaRue Arena staff helped to plow the area and provided chairs for comfortable changing. Of course huge thanks to the Lions Club members who are always there to serve the community and what a wonderful and amazing community we live in!

Thanks, Haliburton!

Lions Jim and Marilyn Frost
Haliburton and District Lions Club

Unfriendly parking

To the Editor,

I came to Haliburton for a chiropractic appointment Friday afternoon. I parked at a meter on Highland Street and proceeded to try to reach the meter by walking down a slushy road to a wee

shovelled spot, by a homeowner, through a snowbank enabling me to walk back to the meter. A toonie later I returned to the spot to access the road to get back to my car. I could not open the

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BOONIEVILLE



A poem for Highland Wood

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Tracks

Sun splintering welts of clouds,
shadows bruising Snow.
Quiet so loud, I listen to crackling
beneath the Snow,
the earth cradling the cold in its bones.
Air holds my Breath as I take my first
step, leaving land behind,
following the boot tracks in the Snow,
that will lead me to the other side,
the trees, thin as pencil nibs, making
scratch marks in the Snow.
I wonder whether the Lake quakes
beneath its ceiling of ice, its roof of Snow.
Does it feel the vibrations of skidoos
whizzing past,
the buzzing that saws through Air?
I stare out across this tundra
of frozen Lake,
marching farther and farther
from the shore,
veering away from the bootsteps that
steer my course,
clomping my own way across the Lake,
passing others' tracks in the Snow,
pausing to admire the zig-zag or
swerve of somebody's path,
the glide a snowmobile leaves behind.
I glance up at Sky, at the
skidmarks of clouds,
that shatter the Sun into shards that
scatter in the Snow.
I peer all around me, at this whiteness
that surrounds me,
pirouetting with my shadow
in the Snow.
How free I feel, reaching the centre of
the Lake,
half way there, growing smaller as the
nibs of trees stretch taller,
fringing this bowl of Snow.
Other flecks plodding across the Snow,
in pairs, or alone,
to reach the other side, to explore, or
maybe they're going Home.
I realize, as I resume walking towards
the shore and the mushrooming trees,
that I will have to go back
the way I came,
following my own tracks or others'
across the Snow.
Or maybe I'll take the long way, leave
the Lake alone,
to rest beneath its Sky of ice and Snow.
Almost there, Air still
holding my Breath,
as I step onto land again, glancing back
at the other side,
the dock, a splinter, glinting in the Sun.
I stand here, amongst the pencils of
trees, a scratch mark on the shore,
feeling the cold clatter in my bones,
listening to quiet, loud as Snow,
as Air breathes all around me,
shadows creeping up the trunks
of other trees,
as I zig-zag through the spaces in
between, to find the road,
leaving the Lake
to sleep deep sleep.

Sylvie Kalenda

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Tiptoe through the snowbanks

WHY IF THIS crazy weather we're having – snow and ice and then more snow and ice – isn't the first thing folks talk about when they see you on the street, don'tcha know. And it doesn't matter where you are, at the post office, the bank, the grocery store. It's top of mind and tip of tongue. In fact, most times, folks just look at you and say: "Had enough yet?" and you know exactly what they mean.

Well, ol' Maybelle had enough two months ago. So, fighting the urge to kick cans and pull out my hair (if I pulled out even just a little I'd be bald)... I have decided to embrace this time stuck inside my cottage doing things that make me feel un-stuck. Top of the list? Playing ukulele.

I have two now. The smallest is a soprano uke, and the next size up is a concert uke that I call Pearl. Of all the things that can shift ol' Maybelle into her happy place, it's music...listening to it, playing it, and learning new songs.

Right now I'm learning that fun Tiny Tim classic: "Tiptoe Through the Tulips." Some of the chords in this particular version (there are several others) are so beautiful to my ear, that just strumming them makes me feel good. And to think just a week ago I thought I'd never be able to play some of the chords with these old fingers. But, every day it gets easier and easier.

Being house bound, what I miss dearly is taking long walks. The streets and walking paths in Lake Whadday-athinkImean are just too icy. Why even Twindle Mumbly fell down and bruised his ribs. It happened one day when he forgot to wear grippers on the bottoms of his boots. You gotta wear grippers, don'tcha know.

So, instead of taking long walks...I

dance. Yep, I put on some soul stirring music and dance like there's no tomorrow. You know that expression: Dance like nobody's watching? Well, if you haven't tried it, ol' Maybelle recommends it highly. If you're unable to move your body around easily, then try sitting in a chair and just moving your arms around. As my great, great nephew, Billy James Buddy, told me: Lose yourself in the moment, man.

Sometimes, you have to lose yourself to find yourself, don'tcha know. To connect with your happy place again. It never goes away. It's a part of who you are. It just gets hidden sometimes behind a whole bunch of things that take up too much space in our minds. So, we need to make space for it. We need to quiet our minds, and be choosy about what we focus on.

There's lots we can do at home. Read a good book, draw, paint, try a new recipe, sing, dance, listen to music, the radio, make music, write your heart out, call a friend.

Then, of course, there's the beauty of silence when we turn it all off. When we sit quietly and let our thoughts fall away. When we close our eyes and let ourselves just "be." What a concept. Just being. Imagine, your worries and fears falling away, freeing your very soul. And I don't mean the one on the bottom of your boots where a pair of grippers ought to be.

So, dear reader, being housebound can be a blessing in disguise, if we make it so. Oh, I hear Pearl calling me... (kidding). But, if my ukulele could talk I know what she would say: "Maybelle, come tiptoe through the tulips with me."

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Fireside stories

Too many barriers downtown

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passenger door due to the wide snowbank.

After the appointment I moved my car to make some purchases down Maple Avenue. Returning to the main part of Highland Street to get to the Village Barn I climbed the snowbank to get to the pay box. I followed all instructions, put in my toonie, time of parking came up on the screen, pushed the button but no ticket came. Pushed cancel to start all over again – no toonie. I asked three folks passing by and no one could make it work. I wrote a note saying "You have my toonie – I have no ticket! You owe me!" and put it on my dashboard. I then climbed back over the snowbank to reach the Village Square whose entrance was snow covered and slushy.

Now really! What would it have cost the municipality to have cleared the entrance of the Village Square, supposedly a meeting spot in Haliburton! Why, when you clear the roads can't you remove those snowbanks and clear the sidewalks (as they do in Minden)? What do you do with the money from those parking tickets? I know it has been a strange winter but it is the Highlands! I am an over 80-year-old senior and don't need any more walking restrictions! It doesn't work for me to park free below the main street and climb up in the winter.

Remember, municipality, should I ever return to shop in Haliburton I have a "toonie" parking credit!

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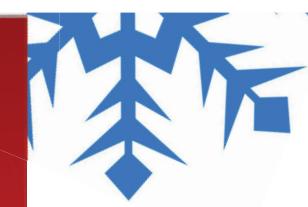
classes.

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Hawks shine silver at COSSA Championship

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When the A COSSA championship was over the Red Hawks girls' volleyball team held their heads high after losing to the visiting Quinte Christian High School Eagles.

Although the Hawks played with grit and tenacity in the championship final, the Eagles were clearly the better team and deserved to advance to the all-provincials as the COSSA champions with a 3-0 (25-16, 25-18 and 25-12) win.

Earlier in the day, the home side earned their trip to the final with a dominant performance in the semi-finals. Overpowering serves and a far superior offence were clearly in the Hawks favour against the Ecole secondaire

publique Marc Garneau.

The packed stands of mostly peers, alumni, friends and family had plenty to cheer during the 3-0 (25-11, 25-15 and 25-17) win.

Coach Dan Gimon said the silver medal was a product of hard work and dedication to improving.

"They worked hard this year. They worked hard in practice. We started in November and we practised four days week. Sometimes we practised a couple of times on weekends and the commitment was there, so I think that's a big part of it," he said.

He adds it was impressive to see the large contingent of supporters for the Hawks and was a showcase to exhibit the growth and the development of the team.

"Whoever came out could see the progress we made as a team and kind of as a program too I think because the last time we hosted COSSA here was like three or four years ago with the juniors. I think it's a good thing and

it's good for their self-esteem and their morale to be able to play in front of [a home crowd] – and this is kind of what we've been building towards is a lot of the mental part of the game is to play in front of a home crowd. Show off what you have and I think they can be proud," he said.

The COSSA final happened to put the Hawks in what can be best described as a role-reversal from their semi-final match.

Going down by 10 points to start the final match was an early test for the team.

Being able to respond to this adversity has been something the Hawks' coaching staff has been working with their players on dealing with.

"That's all part of the mental thing too is that they got to ... which is what we've been trying to teach them: Yeah, you get behind, but you got to get back up again,"

see HAWKS page 14



The Red Hawks boys' curling team won the Kawartha Championship title held in Omemee on Feb. 19-20. They dominated, finishing the double-knockout format eight-end game tournament finishing 3-0 in the competition. The boys won the first game against St. Mary's from Cobourg with a score of 12-0 with Cobourg conceding after seven ends. In game two, the Red Hawks were up against St. Peter's from Peterborough, who conceded when it was 18-0 for the Hawks after six ends. In the A side final, the Haliburton boys faced Thomas A Stewart Secondary School (TASS) in Peterborough. TASS conceded after seven ends with a score of 11-3. The boys' cumulative score for the tournament was 41-3. Three of the four boys on the team were also part of last year's rink that won the Kawartha championship title. The team pictured are skip, Dustin McCready-DeBruin, from left, vice, Jacob Dobson, second, Liam Little and newcomer to the team, lead Corin Gervais. COSSA will be held Monday, March 4 in Stirling. The Hawks teams are coached by Darrell Dobson, Cynthia McAlister, Russ Duhaime and Hugh Nichol. Submitted by Darrell Dobson.

Red Hawks rinks repeat as Kawartha champs

The Red Hawks girls' curling team won the Kawartha Championship title with an undefeated 2-0 record held from Feb. 19 to 20 in Omemee. The ladies won their first game against Fenelon Falls Secondary School 7-3 with Fenelon Falls conceding after seven ends. That put the ladies in the A finals against Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School (TASS). The Hawks played a clean pressured game resulting in 13-1 win with TASS conceding at the end of the sixth end.

Good luck to the team of skip, Jessica Byers, from left, vice, Lena Haase, second, Savannah Byers, lead, Hannah Lewis, and supported by alternate, Chelsea Flynn, as they advance to the next level of competition, COSSA on March 4 in Stirling. Submitted by Cynthia McAlister.



Memorable year for the Todd's Independent Mixed Bonspiel

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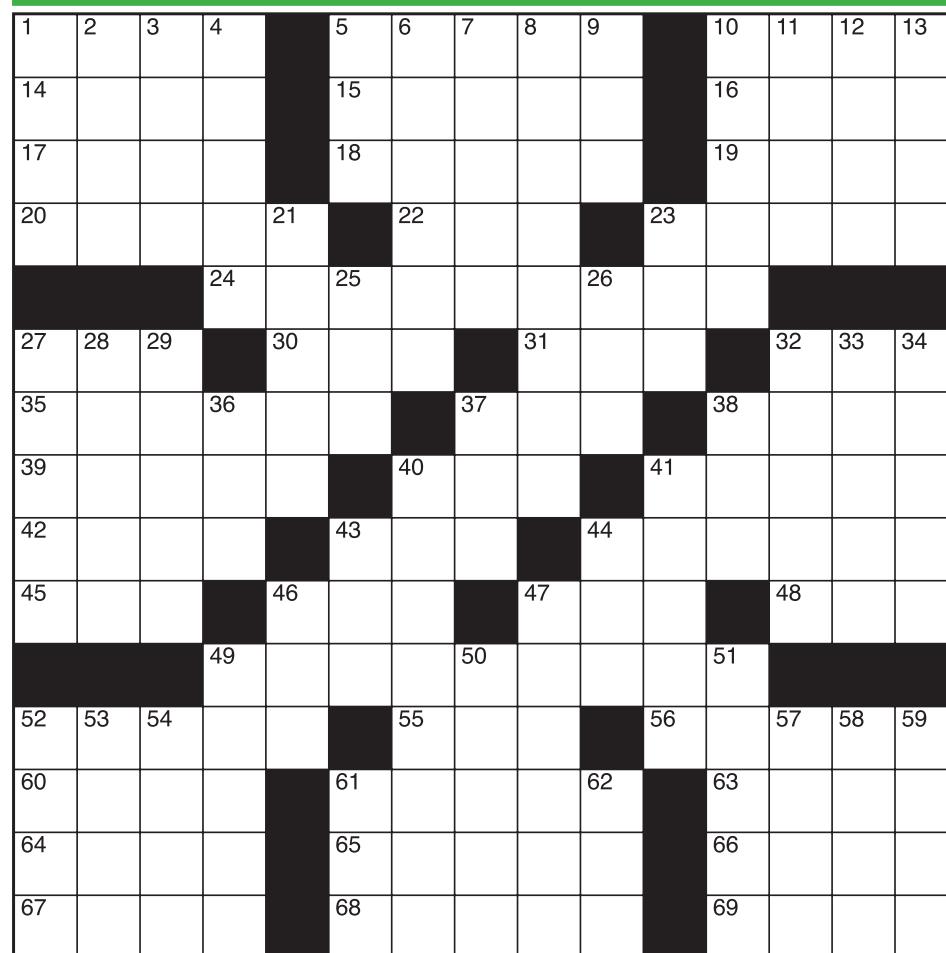


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CLUES ACROSS

1. Civil rights organization
5. Cause to lose courage
10. Outside entertaining area
14. Botswana currency
15. Comedic Actor Tim
16. Barbary sheep
17. German river
18. Take
19. Catches
20. Eating houses
22. Consumed
23. Lawyers try them
24. Hugh Jackman character
27. Basics
30. No (Scottish)
31. Duct
32. Athlete who plays for pay
35. Unit of distance
37. Female bird
38. Predatory reptile
39. Regions
40. Dishonorable man
41. Dry white Italian wine
42. A way to understand
43. Actors' organization
44. Beach hut
45. Disappointment
46. Police officer
47. Digital audiotape
48. Western Thai people
49. Of a polymer
52. Secret political clique

CLUES DOWN

1. Detailed drawing
2. Class of comb jellies
3. Musical symbol
4. Hall of Fame ball-player Rod
5. Pouch
6. Split
7. Having wings
8. Set aside
9. Midway between northeast and east
10. Daughter of Acrisius
11. Periods of time
12. Rapper Ice _
13. Any of several candies
21. Units of loudness
23. Central nervous system
25. Resinous secretion of insects
26. 007's creator
55. Sound unit
56. Cavalry sword
60. Whale ship captain
61. Eastern Austria spa town
63. Holds food
64. Filippo _ Saint
65. Holds bottles of milk
66. Intestinal pouches
67. Arab ruler
68. Chicago political family
69. "Transparent" actress Kathryn
27. Separate from
28. Exposes to view
29. Harsh squeaking sound
32. Fishing vessel (Naut.)
33. Western Ukrainian city
34. The sea
36. Unhappy
37. Old miserable woman
38. Corn comes on it
40. Guinea pig-like mammal
41. Self-immolation by fire rituals
43. Fifth note of a major scale
44. Automobile
46. Military title (abbr.)
47. Expunge
49. Chadic language Bura-__
50. Something you win
51. Grab
52. Town in Galilee
53. Polite interruption sound
54. Italian Seaport
57. La __ Tar Pits
58. "To __, his own"
59. Tom Clancy hero Jack
61. These three follow A
62. One of Napoleon's generals

Answers on page 18

On Feb. 1, 2, and 3, 24 teams, 96 curlers and 15 visiting curling clubs came together with members of the Haliburton club to participate in the annual Todd's Independent Mixed Bonspiel. Clubs being represented were Oshawa, York, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Highland London, Milton, Brampton, High Park, Bradford, Trenton/St. George's, Burlington, Thornhill and Haliburton.

Members of the curling teams and spectators had an enjoyable weekend of curling, fellowship, fun and food. Many thanks to the following sponsors: Todd's Independent, Phyllis Woodcock, a lifetime member of the club, Superior Propane, Minden Subaru and Re/Max North Country Reality Inc.

The final game of the A event was very exciting to watch. The team from Milton skipped by Steve Oldford, vice, Kim Thomas, second, Craig Thomas, and lead, Kim Roy took the trophy. Runners up were from Richmond Hill skipped by Michael Tambosso, vice, Mary Tambosso, second, Everett Wood and lead, Tracy Gualberto. The third place team of the A event was skipped by Darrell Cain and his team from York.

Another great game was between Burlington and Oshawa for the B event trophy. The Oshawa team skipped by Jim Theodoroff, vice, Patricia Theodoroff, second, Rick Rosnak and lead, Sharon Rosnak took home the trophy. Runners up were the Burlington team of Rebecca Pipes, skip, Dave Nicol, vice, Chrissie DeLyzer, second and lead, Dave DeLyzer. Third place in the B event was the team from High Park skipped by Matt Glandfield.

Winning team of the C event was a team from Haliburton skipped by Don Wetmore, vice, Andrea Roberts, second, Terry Lawrence and lead, Sheila Campbell. Runners up were also from Haliburton skipped by Lynn Bartlett, vice, Neil

Oke, second, Dianne Whitmarsh and lead, Chris Marsh. Third place in the C event was the team from Brampton skipped by Dave Sikkema.

Winning team of the D event was skipped by Rick Lauzon, vice, Linda Lauzon, second Trevor Kerr and lead, Ellen Kerr from the Highland London Curling Club. Runner up was a team from Trenton/St. George's skipped by Bill Russell, vice, Lindsey Russell, second, David Chorley and lead Nancy Chorley. Third place in the D event was the team from West Northumberland skipped by Jim Abbott, vice, Anne Abbott, second, Bob Campbell and lead, Maureen Campbell.

Bonspiel convenor, Mary Hillaby and her team of Sue Mason, Glenn Scott, Wendy Hewson, Jackie Bradbury, Teresa Keefer, and Wanda Stephen want to thank the sponsors, local businesses and individuals that graciously contributed items (Sir Sam's Inn and Ski Hill, V&S Haliburton, Country Pickin's, The Wine Store Minden, Laurie Hillaby, Joan Eyres, Chrissie DeLyzer, Jackie Bradbury, Maple Tap & Grill, Eva Griffith and Pampered Chef, Lockside Trading Company, Konzelmann Estate Winery, Fielding Wines, Up River Trading Co., Jan Ashall, Highland Brewing, April Martin, Win Yeung Restaurant, La Luna Del Nordo and Abbey Gardens). Efforts from amazing kitchen helpers and many members of the Day Ladies league who baked goods and made sandwiches helped contribute to the spiel's success.

All teams commented on the terrific ice surface that was maintained by ice technicians, Doug Wagg, Mitch Stephen, Dave Moss and Ron Draper.

Congratulations to everyone and many teams told Mary they would like to come back next year!

Submitted by Mary Hillaby



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The Oshawa team skipped by Jim Theodoroff, vice, Patricia Theodoroff, second, Rick Rosnak and lead, Sharon Rosnak took home the B event trophy.

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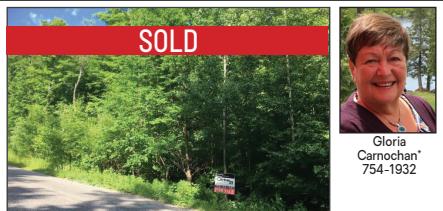
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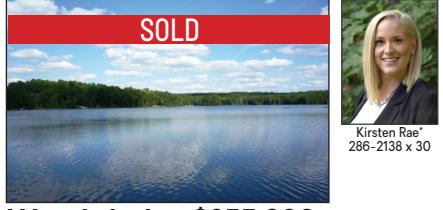
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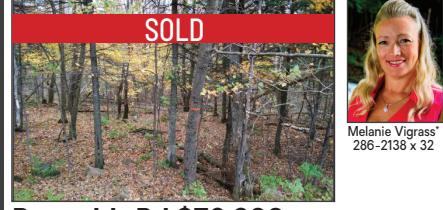
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Left: Hawks players Dakota MacDonald, left, and Samantha Steffensen converge, attempting to return a serve during the COSSA Championship final on Wednesday, Feb. 20 in Haliburton. Although the Hawks battled for every point against the visiting Eagles of Quinte Christian High School, the home side lost. / DARREN LUM Staff

Below: Hawks setter Arden Harrop tips the ball past an Astros of Trenton defender during the COSSA semi-finals on Wednesday, Feb. 20 in Haliburton. The Hawks beat Ecole secondaire publique Marc Garneau 3-0 (25-11, 25-15 and 25-17) to advance to the finals held later in the day. / DARREN LUM Staff

Hawks volleyball program's future is bright

from page 11

Gimon said.

The Hawks got back up and made a game of it by going on a 13-6 run, getting to within three points of the Eagles, losing 13-16. This response had the players fired up and brought the home crowd to life, who screamed and applauded in support. Unfortunately, the Eagles bent, but didn't break going on a 9-3 run to end the game with a 25-16 win.

The second game started much better than the first for the Hawks.

They actually started with a 3-1 lead and were tied 5-5 before the visitors pulled away with a 9-2 run to lead 14-7. Haliburton would make a last push, narrowing the deficit to six points, but ended up losing 18-25. In the end, the Eagles proved to be the deeper team and started the third like the first, leading 9-0. The visitors kept up the pressure and won 25-12.

Gimon acknowledged the disparity between the teams in the finals.

"We got out served. That was the big thing. They are a good team," he said.

Gimon thought his strongest players such as his captain and daughter Natayla Gimon and Dakota MacDonald, who will leave after this year and look to play post-secondary volleyball, learned there is always someone better than you with this defeat.

For the younger players, it showed there is optimism for the future and a solid foundation because of quality coaching, including faculty available to assist the program – the Steve Smith coached juniors finished as Kawartha semi-finalists.

"They can look at this team and go, 'Well, they got a good program and I think we can match it.' There's a lot of girls on the junior team. Steve [Smith] had 15 this year and there are more coming from [JDHES]. Only four are moving up to senior

so, yeah, they'll look at building the program," he said.

The team's future is looking bright with COSSA junior call-ups Jordyn Nicholls and Alexius Mills (Sky Lambshead was also called up, but could not play due to injury).

Nicholls was part of the regular rotation and showcased booming serves and all-around solid play.

Gimon thought if the team had the junior call-ups for the whole season, the final's outcome could have ended differently. Their addition could have added depth to match the Eagles.

"That's the thing about their team. They got depth. They got three club players and the other players are all [capable]," he said, referring to the opponent.

Missing from the lineup for COSSA was rookie Rebecca Archibald, who was on a family holiday. He said her absence was felt.

Gimon credited N. Gimon for her quality of play and leadership as a major factor for the team's success.

"Without her I don't think we would have gone this far. It's not so much my coaching. I'd say it's more her playing," he said.

The captain was quick to credit her dad, her coach with getting her game to where it is to be her best for herself and the Hawks.

"It's easy to play with him coaching. He's always pushing me to my best. He knows my limits. He knows when I need to push myself more. He's very good at that and I think knowing where he wanted me to go and where he wanted to be able to help the team go was good," he said.

She said the difference between the teams in the final was the ability to return serve.

"Their serving was very, very strong and ... our passing just wasn't up to par with their serving so that's what they beat us on. Had we had the passing we would have had a

much better go at things," she said.

N. Gimon, whose defence and spikes at the net and from the back line kept defences on their heels in the tournament, is hoping to get accepted to Dalhousie University where she wants to play volleyball and to major in one of three areas of study marine biology, health promotion or English.

When asked about the significance of the silver medal, N. Gimon said it will be a reminder of where she came from and will provide her a basis for comparison to when she hopefully plays post-secondary volleyball.

"This is where I came from. This is how I learned and became the player that I am and will be," she said.



Hawks captain and power player Natayla Gimon receives a serve to pass to her setter during the COSSA Championship final against the Eagles. The Hawks lost 0-3 to the Eagles, who advanced to the all-provincials as the lone COSSA representative. / DARREN LUM Staff



Top: Red Hawks Benn MacNaull jumps on a loose puck during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Despite leading the St. Mary Thunder for most of the game, the Hawks lost 2-1. The lone goal was scored by Hawks defenceman Alex Little. /DARREN LUM Staff

Above: Red Hawks forward Lucas Haedicke moves the puck during Kawartha High School Hockey League action.

Right: Hawks defenceman Alex Little covers his man.

Hawks looking forward following loss

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It was less than ideal to lose the final Kawartha High School Hockey League regular season game in the final minutes, but the Hawks boys' hockey team will take the experience to grow and to find success in the upcoming post season.

After leading the St. Mary Thunder for much of the game, the Hawks relinquished a 1-0 lead on a goal by defenceman Alex Little from Zach Morissette and Joe Boice and lost 2-1 on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Coach Jason Morissette said this game was very competitive and could have easily gone the way of the Hawks. He emphasized optimism to his team following the loss.

"Don't hang your heads low on that. We could have won. We had chances too. We had some empty net chances even that just didn't go in," he said. "We struggled a bit with the scoring so some of our games are pretty low scoring [this season], but we have struggled a little bit there. But that will come because we are getting chances so as long as they see we're getting chances, getting quality chances you got to hope that maybe in the big game, you know, elimination and out you go, that maybe you know, the hockey gods are nice to us and we get a break."

He also told his team to remember "adversity" will prepare them for games and tournaments of meaning.

"If it's too easy than that's not necessarily a good thing because it doesn't really get you ready for the stress," he said.

The team agreed with him about the value a competitive game like the loss does for them to grow and to play against a strong, deep team that forces you to realize the value to play every shift with focus and purpose, paying attention to details towards winning.

"It went their way in the third. The 1-0 ... it would have been nice to go in the third with maybe two or three [goals]. We had our

chances. We didn't really bury some of those. It is what it is," he said.

When you play top teams, a one goal lead does not provide a lot of room for error.

The two goals they did get (a screen and tip) were difficult for Hawks goalie, Carson Sisson to have much of a chance on.

Morissette loved his team's discipline during the game, finishing with just three penalties for six minutes compared to the Thunder, who finished with 12 minutes of penalties.

Their special teams performed well, scoring one powerplay goal and had many other chances, he said.

The Thunder, Morissette said, were solid on the back end and limited space in the neutral zone, negating solo efforts to break down the defence.

The win earned the Thunder first place in Kawartha and not just a chance to host the Kawartha Championship, but also gave them a bye through the quarterfinals, which is a best of two home and away series. The Hawks finished third in Kawartha.

Days after the home loss, the Hawks beat LCVI 6-0 to start the Kawartha best-of-two playoff quarterfinal series. Game two, which was scheduled for Monday, was postponed and will be played today at 3:30 at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

Team assistant captain Shawn Walker thought the factor in the loss came down to easing up the pressure.

"We let up a bit. In the third period we're trying to protect the lead ... we played hard. They got two lucky tips and that's just the way it goes sometimes," he said.

As a Grade 12 athlete in his final year with experience playing in the post-season, he's shared with his teammates, who are not familiar with the experience, the drive all the players will have.

"It's not easy. From my experience, playoffs are never easy especially when you get to that Kawarthas. Everybody wants it. Everybody wants to keep playing hockey as much as they can especially those veterans, right, they're going to do whatever they can to keep going," he said.



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Peewee A

On Friday, Feb. 22 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A travelled to Shelburne to face the Shelburne Wolves in Game 3 of the quarter finals. It was a close game however the Storm lost 5-4. Goals were scored by Cheyenne Degeer and Addison St Cyr.

On Saturday, Feb. 23 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A hosted the Shelburne Wolves in Game 4 of the quarter finals. It was a close game up until the third period. The Storm lost 6-3. Goals were scored by Beckam Reynolds and Addison St Cyr.

On Sunday, Feb. 24 the Peewee A's hosted the Shelburne Wolves in Game 5 of the quarter finals.

The first period started with a goal by the Shelburne Wolves. Next was a beauty goal by Addison St Cyr and then another goal by Austin Boylan making it a 2-1 game going into the second. The second period was all Shelburne they scored two goals and the game was 3-2 going into the third. The third was an amazing come back for the Storm. Addison St Cyr scored early tying up the game and then three minutes later St Cyr scored his hat trick and the winning goal! The final was 4-3 and the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A are now in the semi-finals of the playoffs versus the Frontenac Flyers. Way to go, Storm!

By Amber Card

Atom

The Ridgewood Ford and Cottage Country Building Supplies Atoms faced the visiting Shelburne Wolves for one last time this past Saturday at A.J. LaRue Arena. With a good crowd in attendance the Storm hit the ice with hopes of tying up the series however a few quick goals from the Wolves to start the game proved to be too much to return from, leaving the Storm chasing the lead for the rest of the game. A solid effort by net

minder Chase Winder once again as he did his best to keep the goal count low. The Storm managed to cut the lead to two with goals by Parker Simms unassisted and Jace Mills from Caleb Manning. The Storm Atoms despite their many efforts to fall by a final score of 4-2.

By Pasi Posti

Midget LL

The LL Highland Storm Pharmasave Midgets headed north on Sunday to play the Huntsville Otters. The highlight of the scoreless opening period was a pretty pad save by Storm goalie Nate Misco on an Otter breakaway. The Storm opened the scoring when Teo O'Malley recovered his own rebound and setup Colin Crowe in front of the net. The Otters were the stronger team in the second period and as a result took a 2-1 lead into the final frame. The game turned into a defensive battle in the third until O'Malley got his second assist of the evening feeding the puck to Jake Sisson in the slot for the tying goal. Sisson almost gave the Storm the lead moments later. The entertaining match finished in a 2-2 tie.

By Gord Hoenow

Peewee LL

On Saturday, Feb. 23, the Walkers Home Hardware LL Peewee team travelled to Gravenhurst to take on South Muskoka CC Tatham for the last regular game of the season. Only two minutes into the game Nathan Harrison received a pass from teammate Wyatt Raposo and rushed down the ice to score the first goal of the game. South Muskoka were hot on our heels and scored a goal of their own. The second goal was shot by Weston Bowker, assisted by Daniel Stephen, which ended the period with Storm in the lead. The second period was just as exciting. Each team scoring three goals, two by Alex Hendry and one by Harrison assisted by Adam Davis, Spencer Bowker and Mikayla Sisson. Going into

the the third period both team battled for the puck. Goaltender Aaron Neave made some incredible saves to keep the Storm in the game. It was South Muskoka that put one in the net putting them in the lead. Not long after Bowker received a hat trick tying the game. It was a great team effort! The Walkers Home Hardware LL Peewees end the season with the MPS tournament in Parry Sound next weekend March 2-3. Come cheer them on!

By Lisa Reinwald

Tyke LL

The Tom Prentice Storm Tyke Team played in Bracebridge Saturday morning taking on the Muskoka Bears.

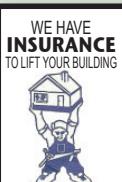
In the first period Storm's Nixon Ecclestone and Kelton Bagshaw scored and the Bears ended the first with three goals. Storm fought back with Ecclestone scoring and hat trick in the second. The Bears tied the game back up. Both teams wanted the win but with Storm's Matthew Mueller scoring and Ecclestone and The Bears scoring two more in the third this action packed game ended in a tie. On Sunday the Tyke team played in a fun day in Port Carling. First game was against the Bears and first period saw Ecclestone scoring and hat trick and Bagshaw scoring one. Bears ended up with five. In the second Mueller scored one and Ecclestone scored another four goals! Bears ended up scoring seven. Jaxon Robichaud was named player of the game! Next game was against Parry Sound. Storm scored seven goals by Mueller, Ecclestone, Rowan Johnson, and Jaxon Hurd. Storm only allowed one goal against! Ecclestone was named player of the game.

Their third and final game of the year was against Wasaga Beach. Storm ended scoring 12 goals in this game by Ecclestone, Mueller, and Hurd. Storm allowed only four goals against. Mueller was named player of the game. Storm's Tyke team had an amazing year and improved their skills immensely thanks to Coach Steve,

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minor hockey

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Coach Jesse, Coach Darren and Manager Kerri. Last fun practice will be on Tuesday night in Haliburton! Storm proud!

By Marita Bagshaw

Atom LL

On Saturday the GJ Burtch LL Atoms hosted the South Muskoka Wes Finch Atoms. The Storm would play this game with their starting goalie on the wing and one of their leading scorers playing net for the first time. The Storm's Jacob Davis would open the scoring with only 50 seconds left in the first. Assist to Taylor Mulock and Zach Prentice. Only 30 seconds later Eric Mueller beat the South Muskoka goalie five hole, assist to Olivia Gruppe and Jacob Lloyd.

The second period South Muskoka tested rookie net minder Isaac Borgdorff. Borgdorff stood his ground making numerous sprawling saves. One scorpion style save Borgdorff kicked the puck out to Jacob Davis who sent Brody Hartwig streaking toward the net. Hartwig's rebound landed in front of Lloyd who scored his first of the season.

The third started with some impressive passing by Hartwig and Davis who setup Taylor Mulock. Mulock made a sweet move and beat the South Muskoka goalie. Five minutes left in the third Jacob Mantle received the puck from Jacob Lloyd. Mantle eluded a couple opponents before finding Jacob Davis open on the far side, Davis let his slapshot go, punctuating the win with a 5-1 final.

Sadie Evans-Fockler earned the hard

hat blocking shots, cleaning the zone, and racing back to foil a number of breakaway opportunities. Next up the Storm will compete in the MPS LL year end tournament in Bracebridge next weekend.

By Jamie Lloyd

Peewee 2 LL

The Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire faced off against Parry Sound Harry No Frills in Gravenhurst on Saturday. Both teams were playing strong all game which led to a final score of 1-1. Our single goal was scored by Ethan Megrahan-Poppe, assisted by Ethan Thomas and Faysal Wiso.

On Sunday the Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire team travelled to Sundridge to face off against the Almaguin Ice Devils.

The Storm came into the game like a tornado and took over the game. With goals by Jamie Crowe, Ethan Megrahan-Poppe, Faysal Wiso, Nathan Guild, Haiden Bird, and a hat trick by Carter Stamp, the Storm defeated the Almaguin Ice Devils with a score of 9-2. What an amazing game. Carson Simms did amazing both games defending our net and keeping the goals away from the competition all weekend.

The Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire team plays in their final tournament this upcoming weekend in Parry Sound.

By Shawn Guild



NOTICE 2019 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216, the County of Haliburton enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the County roadways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216:

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act and County of Haliburton By-Law #2216, reduced loading will be in effect in the County of Haliburton effective 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2019.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act and the By-Law, unless otherwise specified, are not valid on any County Roads during the Reduced Loads Period.

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On and after **March 1st**, check the County of Haliburton website www.haliburtoncounty.ca under "Notices" to see when reduced load limits are in effect and when they are lifted. Or consult our new Road Closures App. under the GIS Maps tab.

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Where: Minden Legion
Lunch available to purchase from 12 to 2 p.m.
Meat Draw at 1 p.m.

St. George's Anglican Church Pancake Supper

When: Tuesday, March 5, 5 to 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Hall
All Welcome, No Charge
Free-Will donations to support: Volunteer Dental Outreach
for Haliburton County

St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance Fundraiser

When: Saturday, March 16, 4 to 9 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion
Haliburton Legions Ladies Auxiliary hosts a dinner
featuring Highland Trio. Dinner includes corn beef,
cabbage, vegetables, dessert, tea/coffee.
For more details, please visit our website: haliburtonlegion.com

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When: Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. start time until noon
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Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
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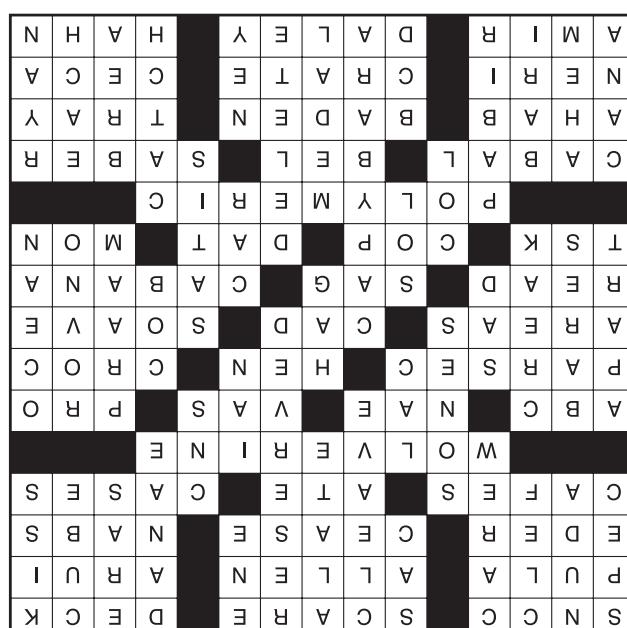
Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary Sunday Breakfast

When: Sunday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (and every
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Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall
Cost: \$6.00
Menu: eggs or pancakes, bacon or sausage, hash
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CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Valentine's concert brings out the best

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Eleanor Cooper
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Informally known as Kathleen's Concert is the annual program near Valentine's Day at Maple Lake United Church, held this year on Feb. 16. Usually people phone and ask to be part of the performances. A departure from this was the invitation to the entertainer known as El-Vince whose well sung and played numbers in Elvis style quite delighted the audience.

St. George's Anglican Church choir supplied several numbers, Bill Gliddon as ever accompanying solos and duets. Alan and Sophy Cooper led the entertainment with guitar and violin tunes including "Dark Island." Luba Cargill's skilled violin playing gave us "Czardas" and concluded with the contrasting "Orange blossom Special."

Luba also accompanied Bill's playing for Brenda Gallant and Wayne Cooper's singing of "Kyrie Eleison" to the melody of "Gone Home."

"Bring him home" sung by Christopher Chumbley brought a few tears for this performance and "Hello Young Lovers" sung by Cheryl Cohoon suited the Valentine's theme well as did David and Shirley Barker's romantic duet.

The choir sang the anthem "My Saviour." Beth Johns

and guests, Jennifer and Bruce Walton entertained with guitar, mandolin and violin to accompany their singing of Celtic and down east music.

The Rev. Max Ward invited us to sing along to his trombone playing of "LaVie en Rose" and "Danny Boy." John Miller led us along some of memory lane with two Perry Como favourites and I read a couple of Ogden Nash poems to round out the program.

Kathleen led and ended the concert with audience's turn at singing two of Kathleen's favourites "Church in the Wildwood" and "Guide me oh, Thou Great Jehovah."

Lindsey Coates concluded the vocals with her solo from *Camelot* which she had sung several years ago when Highlands Little Theatre had produced that show.

Door prizes were given out before refreshments were enjoyed. Albert presented Kathleen with a huge bouquet by way of thanking her on behalf of all of us for organizing this popular event which has became such a tradition.

Other items are also worthy of note, particularly Aaron and Melissa Walker's involvement of the Snowmobile Association and their generous contribution from their McKeeks Tap and Grill business. Margo Ross, director, is also to be congratulated on her assistance in the association.

Erin Nicholl's son, Owen, was part of the county int. boys volleyball tournament on Jan. 29 in Minden. Their enthusiasm speaks well for the continuing involvement for the sport the team enjoys so much.

Snowmobile racing coming to Pinestone

On March 2 and 3 you can find snowmobiles racing at incredible speeds right in the heart of Haliburton Highlands. Vintage and modern snowmobiles will be com-

NOTICE (Applicant – GROSBERG)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF TAMARACK LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **March 12, 2019**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 26, Concession 3, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on the Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd., dated October 7, 2016.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 12th day of March, 2019.

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peting on an old familiar ice surface at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

This will be a wonderful weekend of winter entertainment for all ages. For some fans this race will be a journey into the past when vintage snowmobiles filled the tracks in every small town. For some people it will be the awesome speeds of the F500 racers that will draw them to the track. This is not the first time a snowmobile race was held here; Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre has been a part of snowmobile racing in Ontario.

There is something for everyone with gates open at 7 a.m. and the action beginning at 8:30 a.m. for Hot Laps. At 10 a.m. the racing begins and will go on until 4 p.m.

Saturday will have qualifying in the morning and finals in the afternoon. The Ontario Snowmobile Oval Racers will be bringing excitement and speed when they venture into town. It has been too long since an oval snowmobile race has entertained the communities of Haliburton and that is about to change.

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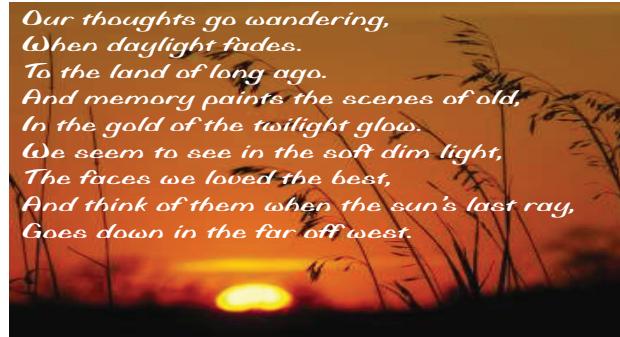
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Emerson Lewis

(Formerly of Highland Grove, Ontario)

At Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Orillia on Wednesday morning, February 20, 2019 in his 90th year. Beloved husband of Marie Lewis (nee Hogan). Loving father of Douglas (Pat), Donna (Keith Buckley), Marlene (Ed Bowles), Marilyn (Keith), Donald (Janice) and Sheldon. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jill, Scott, Paul, Angela, Atheana, Candace, Mathew, Jesse, Mikail, Kyle, Maddy, CJ, Robert and by his great grandchildren Maggie, Thomas, Harvey and Violet. Dear brother of Helen Storey. Predeceased by his brother Edison and his sister Marion. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Emerson enjoyed hunting, fishing, bingo, music nights and most of all he loved Marie and his family.

Visitation, Funeral Service Reception

Friends were invited to call at ST. JOHN VIANNEY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 5408 Loop Road, Highland Grove, Ontario on Monday morning, February 25, 2019 for Mass of Christian Burial at 11 o'clock. Spring interment Deer Lake Cemetery, Highland Grove. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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650 OBITUARIES



Jonathan Pierson

April 16, 1986 - February 18, 2019

Jonathan Pierson passed away on February 18, 2019. It is impossible to express the depth of our sorrow for the loss of our beloved Jonathan. Jon forged deep connections to many people and will be missed by all who knew and loved him, especially by his parents, James Pierson and Falina Norred, his brother Will, stepbrother David Cox, stepmother Helen, stepfather David Simmons, grandmother Doris Pierson and by all of his cousins, aunts and uncles in his large blended family in Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, and the US. Jon's infectious laugh and beautiful disposition drew so many to him. Jon was happiest rocketing down a hill on his snowboard; the bigger the hill, the better. Jon was a devoted son, good friend, and woodsman who loved nothing better than a lakeside campfire, the quiet of the forest and the silence of the snow. Jonathan paddled the streams and lakes of the Kawarthas, Haliburton, and Algonquin. Jonathan was far too kind and good a soul to tolerate the evils of this world and has been called home. He is now free of earthly concerns and will remain in our souls forever. We love you Jon.

Visit www.jonathanpierson.com memorial website for details regarding Jon's Celebration of Life to be held at 3 PM at The Canadian Canoe Museum, Peterborough Ontario on Sunday March 3rd 2019.

In lieu of flowers donations are gratefully accepted by the Canadian Canoe Museum at www.canoemuseum.ca



Kyle Andrew Moore

(Of Algonquin Highlands (Halls Lake))



Died peacefully at home on Thursday February 21, 2019. Originally diagnosed with brain cancer in 1987, when he was 5 years old, Kyle was struck by a radiation-caused secondary tumour in the spring of 2015. Despite significant side-effects from the tumours as well as surgery, radiation and chemotherapy used to treat it, Kyle refused to let cancer define his life.

Honing his gardening, landscaping and grounds-keeping skills and knowledge at family properties north of Fergus and in the Haliburton Highlands, Kyle developed a deep connection to the natural world and a profound sense of environmental responsibility and stewardship. He was a key member of the "Love Your Lake" Healthy Shoreline Project team with the Halls and Hawk Lakes Association that received an Environmental Hero award from the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and The Township of Algonquin Highlands in 2015. In addition, he played an important role in natural shoreline and playground restoration work at Elvin Johnson Park on Halls Lake.

Pre-deceased by grandmother, Helen, grandfathers Ken and Harry, Kyle is survived by parents Shirley and Terry, grandmother Bette, sisters Devon and Aislinn, brother-in-law Ryan, aunts Jan, Judy, Elaine and Faye, uncles Robert, Wayne, David, Peter and Ralph and host of cousins, all of whom have been profoundly affected by Kyle's courage, strength and incredibly positive outlook on life, despite all the obstacles thrown in his path.

A Celebration of Kyle's Life will be held Sunday March 3, 2019 at HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, 13523 Highway 118, Haliburton, 705-457-9209. A Gathering with the Moore Family will commence at 2:00pm, Kyle's Celebration of Life will begin at 2:45pm, and a Reception will follow.

Everyone is welcome to attend to help us honour Kyle's life and share the stories we hope will help keep his memory alive in our hearts and minds.

Please bring any pictures and/or stories that you would like to share.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made in Kyle's name to the Gerry and Nancy Pencer Brain Tumour Centre at Princess Margaret Hospital (C/O <https://pmhf3.akaraisin.com/Donation/Event/DonationInfo>) or to the Environment Haliburton (EH!) in support of its "Green Burial Society of Haliburton County Initiative" www.environmentalhaliburton.org/green-burial

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WINTERFEST '94

Haliburton's celebration of winter draws huge crowds to weekend of events

What's the formula for a successful winter event in Haliburton?

Take a healthy measure of enthusiasm, add several hundred hours of volunteer labour, involve the Haliburton BIA and the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, ask the Lions Club and Haliburton Rotary to help feed the crowds, get the backing of several corporate sponsors and numerous local businesses, advertise locally and regionally, and top it all off with pleasant temperatures and plenty of sunshine. What you'll create is Winterfest '94, a weekend to make you wonder what all this talk of recession is all about, at least among snowmobiling enthusiasts.

A steady stream of trailered snowmobiles flowed northward to the Highlands on Friday, filling many area lodges to capacity and spin-

ning off business for gas stations, restaurants and other local businesses.

Winterfest '94 began officially on Friday evening with a bonfire at Head Lake, a colourful torchlight parade, and free hot dogs and hot chocolate.

Saturday got off to a palate pleasing start as the Haliburton Lions cooked up stacks of pancakes and hundreds of sausages to energize people for a day in the wintry outdoors.

At Winterfest headquarters at Head Lake Park, close to a hundred riders signed up for a poker run that paid a \$1000 cash prize. Larry France drew the top hand, a run of five, while everyone else was rewarded with the pleasure of comfortable cruising along the trails.

Children had a lot of fun riding around the

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A competitor in the radar run crosses the timing line at the end of a quarter mile. The top speed? 120 Mph by a fuel burner that had to be towed to the start!

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Trustees face hard choices to avoid budget increase

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

School board trustees began wrestling with the 1994-95 budget last week and the early figures show they have a lot of work to do to avoid a tax increase.

A preliminary draft of the budget listed proposed expenses totalling \$17,566,285 - up more than a million dollars from last year's final budget figure of \$16,423,945.

The trustees - and the taxpayers - would like a zero budget increase.

But a review of the figures at last Tuesday's management committee meeting showed someone's going to get hurt if that's the target.

Brad Saunders, the Director of Education, told the trustees that service cuts were inevitable.

"Last year we were able to bring in a budget that didn't reduce services. This year we

can't do that. If any of you are under the impression we can reduce (the budget) essentially to a zero increase without damage to the system... it's not possible."

The preliminary budget figures would mean a 6.95 per cent increase in the 1994-95 budget over last year.

"It's a long way to zero," said trustee Wayne Wood, as he got a first look at the figures.

There are some hard choices to be made in the next few weeks. After looking at the first draft, trustees asked the administration to prepare drafts of budgets with a range of increases - from three per cent down to zero.

That will give them an idea of what will be lost in services as they debate the budget options.

The administration's presentation of preliminary budget figures was the second step in this year's more open budget procedure.

A public meeting on January 18 gave taxpayers an opportunity to voice their opinions on what should stay and what should go in the school system.

Last Tuesday's meeting of the management committee gave trustees and taxpayers their first look at the actual proposed expenses.

The figure of \$17.5 million represented the total expenses presented to the administration by all eight schools, together with the administrative functions.

"We're in an extremely tight

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Echo writers take first

The Haliburton County Echo has once again been chosen as one of the best weekly newspapers in Ontario.

The Ontario Community Newspaper Association recently announced the winners in its annual competition. The Echo placed second in the General Excellence category for papers with a circulation of 4,500 to 6,000. The first-place winner was the Winchester Press, which is based in the Ottawa area.

As well, Echo writers won two awards in the Premier Award category. Premier Awards are open to any newspaper, regardless of circulation.

Last summer's team of writers won first place for Education Writing. Editor Martha Perkins, and Staff Reporters Linda Shutt, Janet Hurley and Andrew Meeson contributed to a May 18, 1993 series about the challenges facing young students.

"I'm really proud of this award because it acknowledges a real team effort - and teamwork is the only way a newspaper can thrive," says Perkins, who also extends her congratulations to the three other contributors.

Perkins won a second place award in the Best Photo Layout category. This was for her photo page about the volunteers who painted the Essenville church last September.

The gospel according to Harris: PCs offer voters a better life

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Substitute the clerical collar with a suit and tie. Exchange the pulpit for a speaker's podium. Secularize God by talking about the life everlasting of Ontario businesses.

Put them all together and you've got Mike Harris, the politically born-again leader of the provincial Progressive Conservative party. When he made three stops in Haliburton County on Thursday, he spoke with all the zeal and fervor of a preacher. In his sermon of fiscal responsibility and balanced government he promised salvation from Bob Rae and the NDP. And he offered the propitiation of all former government's past sins if

people voted for local candidate Chris Hodgson in the March 17 by-election.

"We want to bring the wealth and the prosperity and the hope back to Ontario," Harris said, thumping one of the Conservatives' bibles on the economy. "If you work hard you can succeed. We want to say to our young people that there are jobs for you in Ontario."

His two main motivations are

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TOUGH QUESTIONS: Gary Burtch, left, president of the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association, was at the PineStone on Thursday to hammer provincial PC leader Mike Harris with questions about the economy. Harris also spoke to a large crowd in Wilberforce that night, above, as part of the campaigning for the Mar. 17 by-election.

Dysart gets sewer grant: Province gives \$4.3 million for sewage line extension

Province gives \$4.3 million for sewage line extension

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The provincial government has approved a \$4,324,000 jobsOntario grant for Dysart et al to extend the sewer line along the north shore of Kashagawigamog.

"I'm very pleased," Reeve Chris Hodgson said Thursday. "It means we can run with the entire project."

Dysart has already received a \$2.4-million jobsOntario grant to improve and expand its sewage treatment plant in Haliburton. Now that consensus seems to be reached on this first phase, construction at the plant is likely to begin this spring.

Although the work at the plant won't create many direct local jobs, Hodgson is optimistic that most of the work on the sewage line extension can be done with local labour.

"It's taken a long time to get

here but the 'do nothing' approach is the worst that can happen. Everyone realizes something has to be done," Hodgson says.

At a recent public meeting on the proposed expansion, there were no complaints about the two-phase plan.

The first phase is to increase the capacity of the current treatment plant and improve its water purification ability fivefold. The tender for construction must be called by the end of March because of jobsOntario funding.

The second phase is to build a sewer line along the north shore of Kashagawigamog and have everyone hook up - resorts and individual property owners. Even with the subsequent increased burden on the treatment plant, it will benefit the lake to reduce reliance on septic systems.

Hodgson says there also seems to be a consensus between the two departments of the Ministry of Environment which are overseeing the project. The environmental standards branch and the approvals branch both are in favour of the plan. Hodgson, Deputy-reeve Curry Bishop and Councillor Gerry Walker recently travelled to Queen's Park to meet with the key players and are pleased with the result.

There is, of course, the question of how all of this will be paid for. Dysart has received a \$2.4-million jobsOntario grant for phase one, which will cost \$3-\$3.8-million. Dysart has to pick up the rest, and anything over \$3-million, Dysart will have to pay for on its own. However, if other areas which received jobsOntario funds don't use their money by the end of March, the money goes back into the pot and Dysart can apply for additional funding.

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